Curriculum Committee Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025 1:00 PM
BOE Central Office Conference Room
127 Norwich Avenue, Suite 202
Colchester, CT

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Antonacci, Rosemary Gignac, Margo Gignac

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Daniel Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Jessica L. Kuckel, Bacon Academy Principal Amy Begue, William J. Johnston Middle School Assistant Principal Stacy Ewings

OTHERS PRESET: William J. Johnston Teacher Bonnie McAneny, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent Michelle Flynn

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Donna Antonacci called the Curriculum Committee Meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

1.2 Roll Call

Ms. Antonacci conducted a roll call of the Committee.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

2.1 For Public Comments, Please See Bylaw on Meeting Conduct

No public comments were made.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approval of minutes from 1/13/2025 Curriculum Committee Meeting

Motion by: M. Gignac
Motion to: Approve the minutes of the 1/13/25 Curriculum Committee Meeting
Second: R. Gignac
Roll Call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

4. PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Bacon Academy Graduation Requirements

The committee reviewed the proposed changes to graduation requirements. Mrs. Begue shared insights from her discussions with teacher leaders at Bacon Academy to gather their input. Additionally, she conducted a comparison of graduation requirements across other local districts. She presented data from 12 neighboring towns, outlining their respective graduation criteria for reference.

Motion by: M. Gignac
Motion to: bring their presentation to the full Board of Education during the Board of Education regular meeting on April 13, 2025.
Second: R. Gignac
Roll Call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

4.2 Bacon Academy Math

The committee discussed the Bacon Academy math curriculum with Mrs. Begue. She and Assistant Superintendent Kuckel provided an overview of the course sequence and curriculum.

4.3 William J. Johnston Middle School Exploration Courses

Assistant Principal Dr. Ewings and eighth-grade science teacher Bonnie McAneny presented the pilot Explorations course for WJJMS, set to launch in 2025-2026. Designed to integrate core subjects and ease the transition to Bacon Academy, each session will run for 22 days, or half a quarter.

The committee reviewed upcoming changes to the 2025-2026 WJJMS schedule. The new WINN (“What I Need Now”) block will provide targeted support for intervention, enrichment, and activities such as chorus or band.

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 2:00 PM.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: R. Gignac
Motion to: Adjourn
Second: M. Gignac
Roll Call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Flynn